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Cannot Insist on Pushing the Panama Investigation.

MANY ARRESTS ORDERED

Millerey's Interpellation Will Be Accorded a Full Cabinet Debate—Deputies Urged a Dissolution.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The excitement over the revelations in the Panama scandal grows with every hour, and no one dares predict what the outcome will be. The paucity of the disclosures of corruption in high places. The most important action today was in the chamber of deputies, where a vote of confidence in the government was passed by a large majority. A cabinet council was held at the Elysee today at which were present: M. Ribot, prime minister; M. Bourgeois, minister of justice; and M. Loubet, minister of the interior. Orders were issued to the police to make more arrests of persons implicated in the Panama scandal. It is expected that in consequence of the statements made before the Panama investigating committee yesterday by M. Floquet, president of the chamber of deputies, that he will be advised to resign his position in the chamber.

The council also resolved that the government would accord acquiescence to a full and unrestricted debate on M. Lucien Millerey's interpellation regarding the alleged use of money advanced by the Panama Canal company in the service of the government.

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The cabinet is fully aware that the motion has been offered in a spirit of hostility to the administration. If not to the republic itself, M. Millerey having been known as an ardent supporter of Boulanger, but President Carot has given his fiat that no one must be spared against whom there is evidence of guilty complicity in the Panama scandal, and that the government must welcome the most searching investigation. Besides, the ministry, it is said, hopes that the inquiry consequent upon M. Millerey's interpellation may prove a boomerang for the Boulanger plot for the overthrow of the republic. It is said that for the moment some of the Boulangerists regret that the interpellation was offered, as there are many who, while joining earnestly in demanding the punishment of the Panama swindlers and corruptionists, are equally strong in their condemnation of the Boulanger conspiracy.

The ministry have evidence, it is reported, that the present attack on the government is part of an organized plan for the overthrow of the republic, and that each step taken is carefully discussed in advance by the plotters against the constitution. The ministers are also convinced that the only way to meet the crisis is to throw the whole of the Panama scandal open before the public and to maintain only such reserve as may be necessary for the proper management of the judicial proceedings. President Carot has not exactly said "let no guilty man escape," but he has substantially declared that no guilty man shall be shielded from justice.

DAVITT UNSATED.

Justice O'Brien Declares That His Case Parallels That of Fullam.

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Justice O'Brien delivered the decision of the court today on the election petition against the return of Michael Davitt as a member of parliament for North Meath. The decision deprives Davitt of the seat on the same grounds that resulted in the unseating of Mr. Fullam as member of parliament for South Meath. Davitt's counsel admitted the evidence as far as Bishop Duffy's pastoral denouncing the Parnellites was concerned, applied to North Meath equally with South Meath. The decision, therefore, was a foregone conclusion, and Davitt had endeavored to forestall it by offering to give up his seat in order to present himself again as a candidate. This could not be permitted, the court holding that it could not only evidence established before it, and not upon admissions in advance of testimony.

BLESSED THE WORLD.

Leo Calls Attention to the European Crisis and Free Masons.

ROME, Dec. 23.—All the cardinals at present in Rome waited upon the pope today and tendered him the usual Christmas congratulations. In reply to the good wishes of the church, his holiness said that the signs of a gathering storm were visible to all observers of moral and religious conditions. The European situation was pregnant with peril, and in condition could only be brought to an end by the healing virtues of the church, which herself was being violently assailed. In the course of his remarks, the pope referred to the Free Masons, whom he condemned as a malignant sect who were never true to the people, but who, unfortunately, were supported by the government. His holiness concluded by bestowing the apostolic blessing upon the whole world.

With Reservations.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Edouard Faurer's application for the guardianship of his daughter Gladys, who was recently placed in a convent at Nantilly, was denied by the court, but he was allowed to have child every two days from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Glass Workers Strike.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The employees of all the glass works in Leeds have received notice of a reduction in wages of three shillings a week. The cause of the reduction is a fall in the price of the glass in the market.

What Has It Done?

DRESDEN, Dec. 23.—The elected tenants committee closed its sessions today. Justice Matzow, president of the committee, announced that he was

ARE BUILT FOR WAR

Canada's War Vessels Violate Terms of a Treaty.

THE REPORT OF A NAVY OFFICER

The Three New Cutters Could Hold the Welland Canal—Our Needs on the Lakes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The full text of the reports of the Canadian lake question, which were briefly summarized in these dispatches two days ago, is now accessible. The question of maintaining war ships on the great lakes in contravention of treaty stipulations has engaged the attention of this administration since the fall of 1891. In that year Lieutenant G. L. Carden of the United States revenue marine service, was directed to investigate the subject. He made a quiet visit to Canada and last January submitted a report to Secretary Foster of the navy department, giving the dimensions of the so-called "new Canadian cruiser Constance," which was a revenue cutter in name, but in reality a warship. This report was transmitted to Secretary Tracy.

The treasury department during the past summer and fall has kept fully advised of the continued activity of the Canadian authorities in building armed cutters on the lakes. Under date of December 9, 1892, Lieutenant Carden, who spent much of his time in Canada collecting information on the subject, made a second report to the secretary of the treasury. He finds that the hull designs of three vessels recently constructed or now on the docks, the Constance, Curlew and Petrel, show "sufficient strength to permit of the mounting of fourteen-pounder rapid fire Maxim-Nordenfietd guns." The Nordenfietd gun is the type of gun, he says, which will enter into the armaments of these revenue cutters, and adds:

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Discussing the fighting quality of these vessels, Lieutenant Carden says:

"The hull dimensions of the Petrel, Constance and Curlew will enable them to maneuver with ease in the Welland canal, and in the event of any possible contingency maintain an effective patrol of that canal, at least for three months after the completion of the work."

In concluding his report Lieutenant Carden, speaking of the United States revenue cutters now on the lakes, says: "They must needs be replaced by craft having their vital parts protected and being rapid-fire batteries embracing at least four-inch rifle for each ship, supplemented by six-pounder rapid-fire batteries. The present exposed condition of the machinery of the Johnston and Fessenden courts immediate destruction."

The treasury and navy departments have joined forces in behalf of the bill providing for two new revenue cutters on the lakes. The senate has passed the bill, but the house chafe-paring committee amended it and cut off one cutter. The bill will probably come up immediately after the holiday recess and the recent exposure of Canada's activity in building up a strong naval marine on the lakes, with a view to transforming it into a naval force in time of trouble between this country and Great Britain, will have the effect of vitalizing the house to disregard the amendment and pass the bill as it came from the senate.

DANGER OF CHOLERA.

We May Have the Dread Plague Next Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine hospital service, today in answer to questions as to the danger of reappearance of the cholera in the coming spring and summer said: "There are at the present time two factors which render the situation, with regard to cholera, serious. One is the appearance of fresh cases of disease in Hamburg, and the other is the continued prevalence of the disease in Russia. Cholera, if by no means wiped out abroad, and the greatest care will have to be exercised to prevent its gaining a foothold on this side of the Atlantic. The speedy passage of the bill, which shall clearly define powers to make precautionary regulations and supply the appropriations to make them effective, is extremely desirable. Information has been received that in spite of what has been done to discourage immigration from the infected countries, particularly Russia, there are large numbers of immigrants from that country who are present in their efforts to reach the United States. The order for the expulsion of Jews from Russia, heretofore enforced in certain limited districts, is now being enforced all over the empire. This means that a large number of immigrants from the most infected districts will try to reach the United States, and no one can view these matters without serious concern. It is inadvisable to create any unnecessary alarm in regard to the danger from cholera. I have got faith in the sanitary intelligence and ability to meet emergencies of the people of the United States, but the facts have simply got to be faced and it is the part of ordinary wisdom to take precautions."

Will Reduce Freight Rates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The newly incorporated North American Navigation company, contemplating four connections with Panama, San Francisco, French Guiana, and the West Indies, has announced that it will reduce freight rates, it is claimed, will be greatly reduced.

Wyoming's Total Vote.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—The total vote of Wyoming was as follows: Hanford, 4,375; Weaver, 7,049; Bullock, 5,596; Governor William Brown, 4,069; Edward Johnson, 7,049; Bullock, 5,596; John E. Osborne, 4,069; and popular, 9,175.

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Dr. Johnson's statement was confirmed by a personal visit to the Blaine residence, where the lights were burning brightly and the cheerful nature and outward bearing of the servants testified for a week past.

At 11:30 o'clock tonight Dr. W. W. Johnston had just returned to his residence from a visit to Mr. Blaine's. "I found him quite as well as any time during the day," said the doctor. "You know that this morning he was quite a good deal better than on yesterday."

"How is his sleep, doctor?" was asked. "He sleeps just as a well man does; it is natural and he receives the benefit that it was from restful slumber."

A rumor prevailed quite extensively that members of Mr. Blaine's family had telegraphed for Cardinal Gibbons to visit the sick man, but investigation proves it to have been unfounded.

Wild Rush for Diamonds.

BOISE CITY, Ida., Dec. 23.—The diamond excitement is increasing. A telephone message from Nampa was as follows: "The report of Kunze, a rich diamond expert, that precious gems really exist in the mountains near Nampa, Owyhee county has created a great flurry in the place. Kunze came in from the basin Thursday and left for Chicago. He said that he had found a diamond-bearing ledge near the mouth of Rabbit creek, which extended nearly to the summit and crossed the divide between the two mountains. He said that he had no doubt in his mind that genuine diamonds had been discovered. All of the ledge he found had been located by the Nampa people."

Before Kunze departed for Chicago, he left word that if any person discovered the ledge or edge he should be immediately notified by wire. He wanted no work commenced unless he was upon the ground."

Fight the Whisky Trust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The committee appointed by the board of trustees of the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association to solicit subscriptions for the trade for the building of distilleries which shall be owned and controlled by the dealers is composed, as far as yet selected, as follows: David M. Koehler, chairman; Esmeralda Morley, secretary; F. A. Fisher, Robert A. Greason, Henry Wallbrook, John Kersey, Leon Reinhardt and Henry Kroger. Three other members have yet to be named.

Mr. Koehler said this morning that the work would be done at once. He believed that a couple of distilleries in operation within three months with which to fight the whisky trust.

Yesterday's Conflagration.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 23.—Baxter's hotel, the well-known stopping place for men and women, including the hotel owned by this city to Coney Island, was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. The loss is \$300,000; no insurance.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 23.—The Progress block and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$15,000; partly insured.

POWERS, Del., Dec. 23.—Fire in the village of Magnolia at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the postoffice and general store of William Grace, the grocery store of Peter Grace and the residence of Harry Wingate and the residence of John Wingate. The entire village was saved from destruction.

Counterfeiters Nabbed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Special operative N. R. Harris wires from Stockton, Cal., that he has stopped last night there J. C. Scott and R. A. Maddox. The former for passing counterfeit gold half eagles, the other for having in his possession counterfeit gold half eagles. One hundred and eleven of these coins were found in the possession of Maddox, who is a merchant in Portland, Cal. The coins bear the date of 1891 and are now in appearance, all struck from the same die.

Discussing the Situation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A. D. Thurston, past grand chief of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers arrived in the city from Vinton, Ia., today. Mr. Thurston spent a great portion of the day in consultation with Grand Chief Ramsey and the members of the committee. The feeling exhibited by the disaffected men is spreading among the general body of trainmen and may lead to some extreme measures being taken.

Prizes for Americans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—That American exhibitors at the Madrid Columbian exposition have been most successful is shown by a cable message received by the secretary of state today from the United States charge d'affaires at Madrid, saying that they had been awarded eight gold medals, fourteen silver and fifteen bronze medals, besides receiving honorable mention in numerous cases.

Cyprus Has a Watch Chain.

DRESDEN, Dec. 23.—Maximilian Danneberg, an expert of this city, who owns mining properties of fabulous worth, has sent to C. P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, as a Christmas present, a natural nugget of ore. It contains \$3,000 worth of silver and \$1,000 worth of gold.

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LANSING, Dec. 23.—Governor Wiman today pardoned William Walker, colored, from the Jackson prison, who has served there twenty-six years. He was sent to prison from Wayne county in 1866, for the murder of Anthony Schulte. Schulte's wife and a man named Piney were convicted with him for the same offense, and all three received life sentences. Mrs. Schulte was pardoned about fifteen years ago, and Piney died in the prison.

Walker is 72 years old, and was for forty years a slave. He ran away in 1861, coming to Detroit, and five years later was convicted of the above crime, consequently in his seventy-two years of life he has enjoyed but five years of freedom. His conduct in prison has been most exemplary during the entire term. One of the influences prompting the pardon is that Robert Potter of Detroit, a son of Walker's former owner when in slavery, obligates himself to care for the old man while he lives. The pardon board are unanimous in its recommendation for a pardon, and intimate that inasmuch as society committed an offense against him by sanctioning his captivity for forty years while a slave, it will not be outraged at his release from prison.

PLEADING FOR HER BROTHER.

Heart-Rending Scene in a Traverse City Court Room.

TRAVERSE CITY, Dec. 23.—A scene of intense excitement was enacted during the course of the habeas corpus suit of Minnie E. Bailey vs. Phil C. Bailey for the custody of their year-old daughter, pending divorce proceedings, in the court room this evening before Judge Hamdell. Upon entering the room the mother, who had not seen the babe for several months, rushed frantically toward her. The poor woman was struck by the defendant's mother, and Bailey said to his wife's brother-in-law: "If you lay your hands on that child, I'll smash you. See?"

It was with difficulty that the court restrained the excited spectators from seeing the brute. Had the threat been executed, Bailey would have been thrown into the river or worse.

The mother's heart-rending appeals to her daughter and to her unnatural husband, melted the stoniest hearts and interrupted the business of the court. The plaintiff bears the highest reputation.

She was obliged to leave Bailey three months ago for neglect and failure to support. He is regarded with disfavor.

IS STILL SILENT.

Supreme Court Has Reached No Decision in the Belknap Case.

LANSING, Dec. 23.—The supreme court has listened the entire day to the arguments upon the applications for mandamus compelling a recount of votes in Manistee and Menominee counties. It is considered that Senator Wheeler is not entitled to a recount in Manistee county by reason of his delay in making the application. Ex-Chief Justice Morse appeared for the respondent, Muford, who has been given a certificate as senator by the district canvassing board. Judge James Corbett, then the court took jurisdiction in the case, and the only tribunal that could now be appealed to was the senate, which was the judge of its own membership. The court adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow without making any announcement in the Belknap or the May application for mandamus.

How Fisher Got Even.

WEST BAY CITY, Dec. 23.—There is great commotion in the Westminster Presbyterian church of this city. It appears that E. B. Fisher did not agree with the other trustees about certain proposed improvements, and when he couldn't have it his way he became very warm, swearing that he would get even. Tonight the church gave a cantata, and at the same time an elaborate ball took place at Mr. Fisher's residence, to which nearly all those likely to attend the cantata have been invited. Many of the church people look upon the coincidence of date as an evidence of spite.

Dead of Her Injuries.

WEST BAY CITY, Dec. 23.—Yesterday noon the 4-year-old daughter of George Thompson was playing near the kitchen stove while her mother was out doors after wood. Her clothing caught fire in some way and when her mother returned the little one was enveloped in flames. Mrs. Thompson took her up quickly and wrapped her up quickly, thus putting out the fire. She quickly at the time that the child was not seriously injured although quite badly burned about the face, but this morning the little girl died.

Again the Girl.

HENRY, Dec. 23.—In a row over a girl at a dance here on Wednesday night, Harry Williams and Fred Barnes employed a knife and a revolver to settle their difficulties. Williams recovered a bad cut in the side and Barnes was probably fatally wounded in the chest. The dancing floor was covered with blood before the men could be removed.

Struck By a Train.

BENTON HARBOR, Dec. 23.—About 8:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon August Anderson was killed and A. Johnson received injuries from which he will probably die. They are section men and were getting their hand-car off the track when they were struck by the pay train, which came along unexpectedly.

Died at the Table.

SAGINAW, Dec. 23.—Mrs. John Klebert, aged 53, while sitting at dinner talking with her daughter suddenly threw up her hands and fell off her chair dead.

Great Luck If True.

NEW ARDEN, Dec. 23.—Mrs. C. C. Church was an Arab lady whose heart jumped away up in her mouth